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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following documents were cited in a search report in the French priority application upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

For compliance with the "concise explanation" requirement set forth in 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), consistent with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy, Applicant describes below any comments, where they appear in the search report, which relate to pertinent portions of the respective documents.

French Patent Publication No. 2 619 490 (DODDI et al.), published on February 24, 1989, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-5 and 8 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. The following parts of FR '490 are cited in the search report as being pertinent: page 1, lines 35-39; Figs. 1 and 2; and page 2, line 30, to page 3, line 26.

European Patent Publication No. 0 933 033 A2 (SPORTIVA SPA), published on August 4, 1999, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 8 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. The following parts of EP '033 are cited in the search report as being pertinent: paragraphs 0003, 0009, 0010, 0016, and the drawing figures.

French Patent Publication No. 2 720 235 (CALZATURIFICIO SCARPA SPA), published on December 1, 1995, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 9 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. The following parts of FR '235 are cited in the search report as being pertinent: page 2, line 32, to page 3, line 26; page 4, lines 10-14; and Fig. 1.

German Patent (Gebrauchsmuster) No. 91 00 662 U (HANWAG HANS WAGNER KG), published on May 23, 1991, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 9 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. The entirety of DE '662 is cited in the search report as being pertinent.

U.S. Patent No. 1,844,885 (HARRIS), issued on February 9, 1932, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-5 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. The entirety of US '885 is cited in the search report as being pertinent.

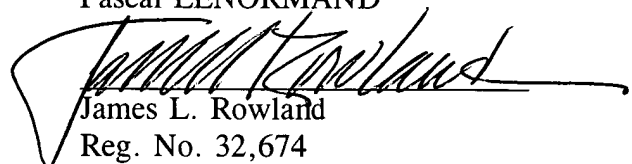
U.S. Patent No. 6,367,171 (BURT), issued on April 9, 2002, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (*i.e.*, a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-6 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. The entirety of US '171 is cited in the search report as being pertinent.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609, a copy of each of the above-mentioned patents is attached. Further, each is listed on the attached PTO-1449 forms to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of each of the initialled form to Applicant.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

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